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SUBJECT: LIMITED PRESS COVERAGE OF F-15 DELIVERIES TO ISRAEL

1. ONLY ENGLISH LANGUAGE EGYPTIAN MAIL CARRIED
DEC. 10 UPI STORY DATED TEL AVIV REPORTING OFFICIAL
ISRAELI ANNOUNCEMENT THAT F-15 DELIVERY HAS BEGUN. AS
PRINTED HERE, ARTICLE CATALOGUES UNPARALLELED DESTRUCTIVE
CAPABILITY OF AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING BLU-27 FIRE-CONCUSSION
BOMBS "PROMISED BY PRESIDENT FORD SHORTLY BEFORE US
ELECTIONS," AND NOTED ISRAEL IS ONLY FOREIGN STATE TO
RECEIVE F-15.

2. COMMENT: THOUGH EGYPTIANS HAVE KNOWN THAT ISRAEL
WAS SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE F-15'S, ISRAELI ANNOUNCEMENT
OF TIMING OF DELIVERIES WILL RAISE NEW CONCERNS.
INCLUSION OF BLU-27 BOMBS IN CURRENT F-15 PACKAGE,
IF TRUE, WILL BE TOTALLY UNEXPECTED AND WILL CERTAINLY
ALARM GOE. EGYPTIANS HAD BELIEVED THAT DELIVERY OF SUCH
BOMBS WAS AT LEAST SOME YEARS OFF. WE MAY EXPECT
EGYPTIAN MILITARY TO BE ESPECIALLY UPSET AND TO PUT
PRESSURE ON SADAT TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS
IN HOPE OF OBTAINING RESUMPTION OF SOVIET SPARE PARTS
AND ULTIMATELY SOPHISTICATED ARMS SHIPMENTS. WE MAY
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ALSO EXPECT GOE TO EXPRESS TO US ITS DEEP CONCERN

ABOUT THESE DELIVERIES. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE
ANY CLARIFICATION WHICH MIGHT BE USED TO ASSUAGE
ADVERSE GOE REACTION.
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